

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A retrofocus, wide-angle lens includes a first lens group of negative refractive power, a stop, and a second lens group of positive refractive power. The first lens group includes, in order from the object side, a meniscus lens elements having positive refractive power, two meniscus  
5 lens elements having negative refractive power, and a thick lens element. The second lens group includes a cemented lens component that includes a lens element having negative refractive power and a biconvex lens element that is on the object side of a meniscus lens element having negative refractive power with its concave surface on the object side. The second lens group may include a meniscus lens component having positive refractive power on the object side of the  
10 biconvex lens element and a meniscus lens component having positive refractive power on the image side of the meniscus lens element having negative refractive power.